



State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 216

By Mr. Speaker Ramsey, Barnes, Beavers, Bell, Berke, Burks, Campfield, Crowe, Faulk, Finney, Ford, Gresham, Harper, Haynes, Henry, Herron, Johnson, Kelsey, Ketron, Kyle, Marrero, McNally, Norris, Overbey, Roberts, Southerland, Stewart, Summerville, Tate, Tracy, Watson, Woodson, Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Suzanne Chidester Johnson.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Suzanne Chidester Johnson, a devoted wife, mother and grandmother who will be remembered for the gifts of love and compassion that she gave so freely; and

WHEREAS, a native of Paris, Texas, Suzanne Johnson was the oldest of the three daughters born to Fairy and William Chidester; her father died when she was young, and her stepfather, Gerald "Pa Pa" Moore, would be a major positive influence in her life; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Dumas High School, Mrs. Johnson moved to Amarillo, Texas, where she was employed by The First National Bank of Amarillo; and

WHEREAS, it was there that she met the love of her life and future husband, Cary Johnson; Cary and Suzanne were married on December 23, 1967, and she thus embarked upon a career at which she proved most gifted, that of a loving wife and mother; and

WHEREAS, whether living in the Texas Panhandle or Burnet, Texas, where the family relocated in 1981, Mrs. Johnson always provided a warm and loving home and took great pride in her family; over the years, she attended countless events and activities in which her children participated, including drill team competitions, football games and school-related events; and

WHEREAS, after her children were grown and had moved away, Mrs. Johnson enjoyed sharing her incredible taste in fashion with her friends in the Burnet community through her association with Suzy Q's Boutique; and

WHEREAS, a member of Burnet First United Methodist Church, this vivacious and personable lady also enjoyed traveling and spending time with her many friends; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne Johnson reveled in being the matriarch of a large and loving family, which in addition to her husband, Cary, included three children, their spouses, and nine grandchildren: our most valued colleague, Senator Jack Johnson, his wife, Deanna, and their three children, Mackenzie, Trevor, and Walker; her eldest daughter, Jessica, her husband, Kyle Lindsey, and their two children, Reagan and Johnson; and her youngest daughter, Cari Anne, her husband, Charlie Whitehead, and their four children: daughter, Lane, and triplets, Jess, Whitney, and Wesley; and

WHEREAS, she is also survived by her mother, Fairy Choate, and her sisters, Jeannie Euthon and Jodi Potts; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we celebrate the life and honor the memory of Suzanne Chidester Johnson, reflecting fondly upon her enduring legacy as a loving wife, mother, and grandmother and her many contributions to her family and her community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Suzanne Johnson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: April 27, 2011



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 9th day of May 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR